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MEMORANDUM FOR ~~BILL TIMMONS~~
~~GENE COWEN~~ *Bill Timmons*

From: Bill Casselman *NY*



Per my memorandum of November 20 outlining the results of the White House-DOT meeting with Cramer, Harsha and Enfield on the Federal-Aid Highway Act, the Administration will be swallowing the whole bill on the floor with the understanding that certain disputed areas will be worked out in conference. A 2 hour rule (open) (waving points of order) has been granted to the Public Works Committee and a 1 hour closed rule has been given to Ways and Means. Enfield anticipates the bill will come up Wednesday but final action may be put over until the following week.

The general strategy of the Republicans on the Committee will be to resist all floor amendments. At present, only 2 serious amendments are expected. The first, sponsored by Congressman Schwengel, is the D.C. freeway amendment. The Administration has no position on this issue. The second amendment, sponsored by Congressman Bingham, would permit the governors to use 25% of interstate funds at their discretion for rapid transit. The Department of Transportation opposes this amendment. Other possible amendments include an extension of the Alaska Assistance program and a re-imposition of tolls on the U.S.- Canada international bridge approach. An amendment to kill the highway beautification program also is "in the wind".

The recommital motion probably will go to Schwengel on D.C. freeways, unless Enfield and company will devise a minimally offensive motion which could be taken by one of the more senior members of the committee. DOT is distributing floor speeches in accordance with our previous understanding.

cc: Ed Harper
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